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BOE Chairman Jerome E. Horton Releases Statement on FTB Administration of California Court of Appeals Holding in *Cutler v. FTB* case

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Sacramento - California State Board of Equalization (BOE) Chairman and Franchise Tax Board (FTB) Member Jerome E. Horton issued the following statement regarding FTB's administration of the California Court of Appeals holding in the *Cutler v. FTB* case:

"I agree that taxpayers should be able to rely on enacted legislation without the fear of loss as a result of a subsequent court decision that holds some portion of that law unconstitutional," Chairman Horton said. "If the law allowed the FTB to limit application of the change in law prospectively, I would support that decision. Unfortunately, in this instance, the law does not. Therefore, I am working with Senator Ted Lieu to draft a legislative solution that will provide relief to affected individuals. I am hopeful that we will receive the necessary legislative support to move forward."

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Elected in 2010, Chairman Jerome E. Horton is the Fourth District Member of the California State Board of Equalization, representing more than 8.5 million residents in Los Angeles County. He is also the Board of Equalization's Legislative Committee Chairman. He is the first to serve on the Board of Equalization with over 21 years of experience at the BOE. Horton previously served as an Assembly Member of the California State Assembly from 2000-2006.

The five-member California State Board of Equalization is a publicly elected tax board. The Board of Equalization collects more than \$53.7 billion annually in taxes and fees supporting state and local government services. It hears business tax appeals, acts as the appellate body for franchise and personal income tax appeals, and serves a significant role in the assessment and administration of property taxes. For more information on other taxes and fees in California, visit www.taxes.ca.gov.

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